

I will send another £10. if desired.

Believe me to remain

thy frd sincerely

W. Backhouse

P.S. I forget whether I enclosed
my last "War" tract? It may
possibly be read with inter-
est?

York 2/6 mo. 1871

Dear W. Gray

Our new catalogue, con-
taining Ferns, is now in the
printer's hands & I will gladly
send it when ready. I think
it was thy wish that we should
not send any tender ferns till
you had tried how far those
you obtained from New suc-
ceeded? But I am not
very clear how the matter was
left. For many months now
it will be quite safe to send
them, so far as weather is
concerned: so I am at thy
bidding! Perhaps it will be
best, on receiving our new Cat-

-alogue to mark a fresh what
are desired, & return it to me.

I will then gladly do my best.

We are flowering *Silene virginica*
& *Lithosp^m. caulescens* well
& are likely to obtain seed
from them. I shall be
very glad to hear that *Silene*
regia proves "true" with you.

Plants or seed of it & of
S. rotundifolia, *Lithosp^m. hirtum*
& *Silene Baldwinii* I shall be
delighted to get. A few of the
seeds of *S. hirtum* sent last
year have vegetated & I hope
may thrive.

I think there must have
been some accidental mistake
in collecting the seed of *Labi-*
-batia chloroides. We have

twice sowed it, & in various situa-
-tions. In all the places (pots
included) the "produce" is simply
a profusion of *Rumex acetosella*.
I think it must have been gathered
by mistake or withe it?

The plant kindly sent of *Del-*
-phinium tricolor is in flower
& likely to do well. *Lewisia*
rediviva grew well in spring
but their leaves seem as though
they could not endure the hot
Kenshine. I suspect that it
is a very deep rooting plant
& that it has not yet deep
enough roots to enable it to
bear the sun's rays. Be sure
them most carefully. *Talinum*
trictifolium means to do well.

I enclose Drft for £10. which
may contribute to expenses of
getting roots of *Silene regia* &c.